

April 13, 2025

From Father Kirby...

Happy Sunday, Team Grace! Today, we celebrate the Lord's triumphal entry into Jerusalem. The Lord Jesus claims his inheritance as a son of David. Today, we join the crowd in proclaiming him king and throwing our palms of homage before him.

Some important points I'd like to highlight:

As things turned out, Dr. John Bergsma was not able to come to the parish this past Friday and Saturday. We are happy, however, to give out free copies of his book on the biblical context of the jubilee after our Sunday Masses. I'm grateful to the donors who made this gift possible. Our donors ask that we pray for the conversion of all souls to the Catholic faith.

This weekend, a small group of young men from our parish are on a seminary visit. I ask that you pray for them and for all young people who are searching for their vocation.

For the coming week:

Last weekend, there was an accidental mistake in the printed amount of the charitable tithe. The published amount of the weekly tithe to Catholic Relief Services (CRS) *should* have been listed as \$2,283 and *not* \$2,858. The Sunday collection amount was accurate and the check that was sent to the CRS was accurate. We just overlooked updating the printed amount of the charitable tithe. My apologies for any confusion!

This coming week is Holy Week, the holiest week of the year! Please participate in the sacred liturgies to the best of your ability.

Holy Week Schedule

Monday, April 14:

Building and Campus Hours: 9:30 AM – 8:00 PM

5:00 PM Holy Rosary

5:30 PM Daily Mass

6:15 PM Miraculous Medal Novena

6:15 PM Adoration and Confessions

6:55 PM Benediction
7:00 PM *No Stations of the Cross*

Tuesday, April 15:

Building and Campus Hours: 9:30 AM – 5:00 PM
9:30 AM Devotional Prayers at the Columbarium
10:00 AM Morning Prayer (Lauds)
10:30 AM Adoration; *No Confessions*
11:30 AM Daily Rosary
12:00 PM *No Mass; Father Kirby is at the Chrism Mass in Charleston*
12:00 PM Saint Peregrine Novena
12:15 PM Adoration; *No Confessions*
2:15 PM Benediction

Spy Wednesday, April 16:

Building and Campus Hours: 9:30 AM – 5:00 PM
9:30 AM Devotional Prayers at Saint Joseph Statue
10:00 AM Morning Prayer (Lauds)
10:30 AM Confessions
11:30 AM Daily Rosary
12:00 PM Daily Mass
12:45 PM Saint Dymphna Novena
12:45 PM Adoration and Confessions (until last penitent)
2:15 PM Benediction

Holy Thursday, April 17:

Building and Campus Hours: 9:30 AM – 11:55 PM
All events are suspended except evening Mass and observances.
There is no Noon Mass since Mass will be offered in the evening.
7:00 PM Mass of the Lord's Supper
8:30 PM Altar of Repose and Adoration (until 11:50 PM)
8:30 PM Confessions (until 11:50 PM)

Good Friday, April 18:

Building and Campus Hours: 9:00 AM – 8:00 PM
9:00 AM Confessions (until 2:30 PM)
12:00 PM Solemn Stations of the Cross
3:00 PM Liturgy of the Lord's Passion
4:30 PM Confessions (until 8:00 PM)

Holy Saturday, April 19:

Building and Campus Hours: 6:00 PM – 11:00 PM

All events are suspended except evening Mass and observances.

No Confessions or Solemn Vespers.

8:30 PM Great Easter Vigil

10:00 PM Resurrection Party

Easter Sunday, April 20:

7:30 AM Easter Mass

9:00 AM Easter Mass

11:00 PM Easter Mass

The [calendar for the program year](#) 2024/2025 is posted on our parish website. The calendar describes all our events and programs for the year. This is posted for your reference and information.

Some other future events I'd like to highlight:

Please note that the parish campus and building will be closed on Monday – Tuesday, April 21-22. There is no public Mass on these days and all other events are suspended.

Our annual Divine Mercy Service will be held on Sunday, April 27, from 3:00 PM – 4:30 PM.

The parish is happy to host a pilgrimage to the National Shrine of Padre Pio and to various holy places in Washington, DC, this coming September. [Here's the flyer](#) for the pilgrimage.

Some general announcements for the good of the parish:

Saint Paul was tireless in his preaching of the Gospel. He used the trade route of the ten-makers for his apostolic journeys, since that was the route most known to him as a tent maker. The various cities he visited benefited from his presence and preaching. If you want to visit many of these cities and dive into the life and legacy of the great Apostle, please consider coming on my Jubilee [pilgrimage in the footsteps of Saint Paul](#) (Greece and Turkey) this June!

As a reminder, our parish staff can be readily reached via email. [Here is the staff directory](#).

More updates next week! Oremus pro invicem (let's pray for one another)!

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